
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):
January 17, 2017

THE GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

No. 001-14965

(Commission
File Number)

No. 13-4019460

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**200 West Street
New York, New York**

(Address of principal executive offices)

10282

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 902-1000**

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) Effective as of March 1, 2017, Sarah E. Smith, the current Controller and Chief Accounting Officer of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (the Registrant), a role she has held since 2002, will become Executive Vice President and Global Head of Compliance of the Registrant. Alan M. Cohen, currently Executive Vice President and Global Head of Compliance of the Registrant, will step down from that position at that time and will serve as an advisor to the Executive Office of the Registrant.

(c) Effective as of March 1, 2017, Brian J. Lee, 50, will become the Controller and Chief Accounting Officer of the Registrant. As Controller and Chief Accounting Officer, Mr. Lee will receive an annual salary of \$950,000 and will be eligible for annual variable compensation. Previously, Mr. Lee served as deputy controller since 2014. Prior to that Mr. Lee held numerous management roles within the Controllers department. Mr. Lee joined the firm in 1994 in the Controllers department; he became a managing director in 2002 and became a partner in 2008.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: January 20, 2017

By: /s/ Gregory K. Palm
Name: Gregory K. Palm
Title: Executive Vice President and General Counsel